

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 8 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2505–S2586

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1856–1863 and S. Con. Res. 87. Pages S2569–70

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate passed S. Con. Res. 87, to correct the enrollment of S. 419. Page S2585

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 1768, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S2506–63

Adopted:

Domenici Amendment No. 2124, Domenici/Bingaman Amendment No. 2124, relating to the Petroglyph National Monument in New Mexico. Page S2525

Bond Amendment No. 2122, to provide emergency community block grant funding to assist States in recovering from natural disasters occurring in Fiscal Year 1998. Pages S2524, S2532–36

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 2123, to provide additional funding for disaster relief to aid disaster-stricken States. Pages S2524–26, S2536–43

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 2128, to provide for an Advisory Committee on International Monetary Policy. Pages S2525–26, S2554–56

By 90 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 43), Helms Amendment No. 2130, to express the sense of the Senate that the United Nations should recognize the generous support of United States taxpayers towards international peace and security. Pages S2543–53, S2561

Rejected:

Feingold Amendment No. 2121, to remove the emergency designation for the supplemental appro-

priations to fund incremental costs of contingency operations in Bosnia. (By a 92 yeas to 8 nays (Record Vote No. 41), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S2514, S2529–32

Nickles Amendment No. 2131 (to Amendment No. 2123), to ensure that additional funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency does not reduce the unified budget surplus. (By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 42), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S2538–43

Pending:

McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2100, to provide supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Page S2506

Stevens (for Nickles) Amendment No. 2120, to strike certain funding for the Health Care Financing Administration. Pages S2514–24, S2526–27, S2529

Enzi Amendment No. 2133, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming activities. Pages S2553–54, S2556–60

Bumpers Amendment No. 2134, to express the sense of the Senate that of the rescissions, if any, which Congress makes to offset appropriations made for emergency items in the Fiscal Year 1998 supplemental appropriations bill, defense spending should be rescinded to offset increases in spending for defense programs. Pages S2560–61

Robb Amendment No. 2135, to reform agricultural credit programs of the Department of Agriculture. Pages S2561–63

Withdrawn:

Hutchison Amendment No. 2083, to express the sense of the Congress that the President and Congress should create the conditions for a withdrawal by a date certain of U.S. ground combat forces in the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Pages S2507–14

Faircloth Amendment No. 2103, to establish an Education Stabilization Fund to make loans to States

for constructing and modernizing elementary and secondary schools. **Pages S2527–32**

Gregg Amendment No. 2129 (to Amendment No. 2103), to provide for a reservation of funds for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 2123, listed above, was withdrawn.

Pages S2527–28, S2530–32

Wellstone Amendment No. 2125, to encourage reform of International Monetary Fund policies.

Pages S2525–26, S2552

Wellstone Amendment No. 2126, to express the sense of Congress that the Government of Indonesia should release Muchtar Pakpahan from prison and have all criminal charges against him dismissed.

Pages S2525–26, S2552

Wellstone Amendment No. 2127, to encourage the International Monetary Fund to require burden-sharing by private creditors. **Pages S2525–26, S2552**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 26, 1998.

Messages From the House: **Pages S2567–68**

Measures Referred: **Page S2568**

Petitions: **Pages S2568–69**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S2570–74**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2575–79**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S2579–80**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2580–82**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—430) **Pages S2531–32, S2542–43, S2561**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 26, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S2586.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PERSIAN GULF

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the United States strategy in the Persian Gulf, after receiving testimony from Paul Wolfowitz, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Anthony H. Cordesman, Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and David A. Kay, Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, receiving testimony from John Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Arthur Money, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; Philip Coyle, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Louis Rodrigues, Director, Defense Acquisitions, General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Arthur Levitt Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Moynihan, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications held hearings on the implementation of Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act (P.L. 104–104), relating to the application process for local telephone companies desiring to provide long distance service, and S. 1766, to permit Bell operating companies to provide interstate and intrastate telecommunications services, receiving testimony from William E. Kennard, Chairman, and Susan Nell, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, Michael K. Powell, and Gloria Tristani, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission; Jay A. Blossman, Louisiana Public Service Commission, Mandeville; Pat Wood, Public Utilities Commission of Texas, Austin; Anne K. Bingaman, LCI Local Services Division, McLean, Virginia; Sid Boren, BellSouth Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia; Lisa Rosenblum, Cablevision Systems Corporation, Woodbury, New York; William E. Taylor, National Economic Research Associates, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; and John Windhausen, Jr., Competition Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

LAND EXCHANGE AND BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 890, to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, S. 1109, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior

boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements, S. 1468, to provide for the conveyance of one acre of land from the Santa Fe National Forest to the Village of Jemez Springs, New Mexico, as the site of a fire sub-station, S. 1469, to provide for the expansion of the historic community cemetery of El Rito, New Mexico, through the special designation of five acres of Carson National Forest adjacent to the cemetery, S. 1510, to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico, S. 1683, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area in the State of Washington from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest, S. 1719, to provide for the exchange of land and other assets including certain timber harvest rights with the Big Sky Lumber Company for inclusion in the Gallatin National Forest and Deerlodge National Forest in the State of Montana, S. 1752, to convey certain administrative sites and use the proceeds for the acquisition of office sites and the acquisition, construction, or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Coconino National Forest, Kaibab National Forest, Prescott National Forest, and Tonto National Forest in Arizona, S. 1807, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of public domain land in Lake County, Oregon, to facilitate management of the land, H.R. 1439, to facilitate the sale of certain land in Tahoe National Forest in the State of California to Placer County, California, and H.R. 1663, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law, after receiving testimony from Senators Bennett and Baucus; Representative Doolittle; Eleanor Towns, Director of Lands Staff, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Steven Richardson, Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Chad Reed, Daggett County Commission, Milila, Utah; Deborah Sliz, on behalf of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association, and Michael A. Francis, Wilderness Society, both of Washington, D.C.; Mike Atwood, RY Timber Company, Livingston, Montana; Kurt Alt, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena; Michael Scott, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and Vito Quatrero, Headwaters Fish and Game Association, Inc., both of Bozeman, Montana; Kevin Kelleher, Citizens of Gallatin Canyon, Big Sky, Montana; Ken Marks, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors/District 3,

and Matt Bloom, Kennedy Meadows Pack Station and Resort, on behalf of the Tuolumne County Sportsmen's Association, both of Sonora, California; Steve Brougher, Wilderness Watch, Twain Harte, California; and Loenzo Valdez, Espanola, New Mexico.

AUTHORIZATION—SUPERFUND

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee continued markup of S. 8, to revise and authorize funds for fiscal year 1998 through 2002 for programs of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act (Superfund), but did not complete action thereon, and will continue tomorrow.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings on S. 1413, to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions, receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Representative Hamilton; Clayton K. Yeutter, Hogan & Hartson, former U.S. Trade Representative and former Secretary of Agriculture, and William C. Lane, Caterpillar Inc., on behalf of USA Engage, both of Washington, D.C.; Dean Kleckner, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GOVERNMENT SECRECY ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 712, to provide for a system to classify information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information, after receiving testimony from Edmund Cohen, Director of Information Management, Central Intelligence Agency; J. William Leonard, Director of Security Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence; A. Bryan Siebert, Director, Office of Declassification, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, Department of Energy; Steven Garfinkel, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; T. Jeremy Gunn, Executive Director and General Counsel, John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board; and Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, Washington, D.C.

U.S. FLAG PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine the tradition and importance of

protecting the United States Flag, and S.J. Res. 40, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, after receiving testimony from Wisconsin State Senator Roger Breske, Madison; Idaho Attorney General Alan G. Lance, Sr., Boise; Stephen B. Presser, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois; Robert Justin Goldstein, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan; Adrian Cronauer, Burch & Cronauer, Washington, D.C.; Patrick H. Brady, Citizens Flag Alliance, Sumner, Washington; Rose E. Lee, Gold Star Wives of America, Arlington, Virginia; Mary Frost, Selective Learning Network, Kansas City, Missouri; Francis J. Sweeney, Steamfitters Local Union 449, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Bruce

Fein, McLean, Virginia; Stan Tiner, Mobile, Alabama; and Keith A. Kreul, Fennimore, Wisconsin.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Federal Election Commission, after receiving testimony from Scott E. Thomas, Vice Chairman, and Lee Ann Elliott, Commissioner, both of the Federal Election Commission.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3545–3557; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 250 and H. Res. 395, 397, were introduced.

Pages H1549–50

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 393, providing for consideration of H.R. 3246, to assist small businesses and labor organizations in defending themselves against government bureaucracy; to ensure that employees entitled to reinstatement get their jobs back quickly; to protect the right of employers to have a hearing to present their case in certain representation cases; and to prevent the use of the National Labor Relations Act for the purpose of disrupting or inflicting economic harm on employers (H. Rept. 105–463);

H. Res. 394, providing for consideration of H.R. 2515, to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources (H. Rept. 105–464);

H.R. 1023, to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products (H. Rept. 105–465 Part 1);

H. Res. 396, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3310) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal

paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses (H. Rept. 105–466); and

H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, amended (H. Rept. 105–467 Part 1).

Pages H1548–49

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Henry Eisenhart of the American Legion.

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Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act: The House passed H.R. 2589, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright.

Pages H1458–83

Agreed to:

The Coble amendment that makes technical changes, specifies that the author's executor or trustee shall own the entire termination interest in the event that the author dies without heirs; and establishes the assumption of certain contractual obligations related to residual payments in the case of a transfer of copyright ownership in a motion picture; and

Page H1466

The Sensenbrenner amendment that exempts certain music uses from copyright protection; provides for arbitration of rate disputes involving performing rights societies; and prohibits vicarious liability with

respect to landlords or any other person making space available to another party by contract (agreed to by a recorded vote of 297 ayes to 112 noes, Roll No. 69).

Pages H1466–83

Rejected the McCollum amendment that sought to provide a music licensing exemption for certain food service or drinking establishments (rejected by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 68).

Pages H1468–82

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to insert “Sonny Bono” before “Copyright Term Extension Act” at each place it appears; and the Clerk was authorized to correct section, numbers, punctuation, cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

Page H1483

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 390, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

Pages H1456–58

Visa Waiver Pilot Program: The House passed H.R. 2578, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General by a recorded vote of 407 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 71. Agreed to amend the title. Subsequently, S. 1178, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed after being amended to contain the text of H.R. 2578, as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title; and H.R. 2578 was laid on the table.

Pages H1484–H1503

Agreed To:

The Smith of Texas amendment, as modified, that extends the visa waiver pilot program from 1999 until 2000; and

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The Pombo amendment that increases the non-immigrant visa refusal rate from 2 percent to 3 percent (agreed to by a recorded vote of 360 ayes to 46 noes, Roll No. 70);

Pages H1492–H1501

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 391, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

Pages H1483–84

Late Report—Transportation Reauthorization: The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure received permission to have until midnight on Wednesday, March 25 to file a report on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. Also, agreed that the committee may file a supplemental report to the bill at any time before midnight on Friday, March 27.

Page H1503

Condolence Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 395, expressing the condolences of the House

on the death of the Honorable Steven Schiff, a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

Pages H1503–06

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1550–52.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1481–82, H1482–83, H1500–01, and H1501–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 395, adjourned at 10:48 p.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Steven Schiff.

Committee Meetings

RURAL AREAS—EFFECTS OF ELECTRIC DEREGULATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing on the effect of electric deregulation on rural areas. Testimony was heard from Wally B. Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and a public witness.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the FCC and the Bureau of the Census. Testimony was heard from William E. Kennard, Chairman, FCC; and the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Lee Price, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs; and James Holmes, Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary; Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science; and Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; and Paul Homan, Special Trustee for American Indians, both with the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Michael H. Trujillo, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

**LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Cancer Institute and the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Richard D. Klausner, M.D., Director, National Cancer Institute, Department of Health and Human Services; and Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

**VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1998; and H.R. 2691, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Reauthorization Act of 1997.

NRC REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on reauthorization of the NRC. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NRC: Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman; Nils J. Diaz, Greta Joy Dicus, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., all Commissioners.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S DENIAL OF
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FUNDS TO STATES**

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Labor's Denial of Employment Service Funds to the States. Testimony was heard from Ray Uhalde, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Department of Labor; John Freeman, Representative, State of Michigan; Doug Rothwell, CEO and Department Director, Jobs Commission, State of Michigan; Jonathan Raymond, Deputy Director, Workforce Development, State of Massachusetts; Diane Rath, Commissioner, Workforce Commission, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Met and approved pending Committee business.

**FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION
ACT**

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1997.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
PROCEDURES**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 84, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide a procedure by which the States may propose constitutional amendments. Testimony was heard from Representative Bliley; George Allen, former Governor, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime continued hearings on H.R. 1524, Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1997 and held a hearing on H.R. 2829, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1522, amended, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation; H.R. 1833, amended, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1997; S. 231, National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act; H.R. 3069, Advisory Council on California Indian Policy Act of 1997; and H.R. 3297, amended, to suspend the continued development of a roadless area policy on public domain units and other units of the National Forest System pending adequate public participation and determinations that a roadless area policy will not adversely affect forest health.

FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997. The rule provides that in lieu of the Agriculture Committee's amendment, that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3530 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and provides that the amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 7 of Rule XVI (prohibiting non-germane provisions) or clause 5(a) of Rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3530. The rule permits the Chair to accord priority

in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Smith and Representatives Furse and Brown of California.

FAIRNESS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEES ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998. The rule make in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that the amendments make in order shall be considered only in the order specified, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and Representatives Fawell and Clay.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that it will be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) or section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new budget authority, changes in revenues, or changes in the public debt for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that year has been agreed to) or section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act (pro-

hibiting consideration of legislation or an amendment that would cause the total level of new budget authority or outlays in the most recent budget resolution to be exceeded or would cause revenues to be less). The rule also waives points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with section 303 or section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act. The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives McIntosh, Kucinich, and Tierney.

CAMPAIGN REFORM AND ELECTION INTEGRITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on H.R. 3485, Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas, Representatives Gekas, Shays, Stearns, Franks of New Jersey, White, Gejdenson, Kilpatrick, Dingell, Fazio of California, Price of North Carolina, Barrett of Wisconsin, Maloney of New York, Farr of California, and Allen.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on International Science. Testimony was heard from Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Authorization Requests: Department of Energy, EPA Research and Development, and NOAA. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEATH TAX REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports held a hearing on The First Step: Death Tax Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on the

Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program in Light of the Recommendations of the National Civil Aviation Review Commission. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

JFK CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on H.R. 3504, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Lawrence J. Wilker, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO.

TICKET TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 3433, Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998.

INFORMATION ASSURANCE BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Information Assurance. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS' PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of certain veterans' organizations, after receiving testimony from Col. Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Retired Officers Association, George Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Wayne Hitchcock, American Ex-Prisoners of War, all of Washington, D.C.; and Josephus C. Vandengoorbergh, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year

1999 for the Corp of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the DOD domestic emergency response program and support to the interagency preparedness efforts, including the federal response plan and the city training program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the implications of the recent Supreme Court decision regarding credit union memberships, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on S. 1221, to prevent foreign ownership and control of United States flag vessels employed in the fisheries in the navigable waters and exclusive economic zone of the United States, and to prevent the issuance of fishery endorsements to certain vessels, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to continue markup of S. 8, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families to examine the effectiveness of the Head Start education program, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E481-82 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review the USDA's Federal Milk Marketing Order Reform, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on State and Local Law Enforcement, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Appalachian Regional Commission, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Resources, joint oversight hearing on the Forest Service, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on the Interior, on Department of Energy-Fossil-Conservation, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Elementary and Secondary Education; Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs, 10 a.m., and on Howard University and on Special Institutions for the Disabled, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to markup H.R. 1151, Credit Union Membership Access Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 3000, Superfund Reform Act, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on New Developments in Medical Research: NIH and Patient Groups, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Financial Affairs of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the Census, hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Putting the Dress Rehearsals in Perspective, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Long Term Care Insurance as an Employee Benefit, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the following: the Statistical Consolidation Act of 1998; and S. 1404, Federal Statistical System Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Oversight of the 1998 National Drug Control Strategy, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing to review U.S. Assistance Programs to Russia, the Ukraine and the New Independent States, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to continue oversight hearings on the Need for Federal Protection of Religious Freedom after *Boerne v. Flores*, II, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on privacy in electronic communications, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following: Controlled Substances Trafficking Prohibition Act; and H.R. 2070, Correction Officers Health and Safety Act of 1997; and to mark up the following: H.R. 2925, Deathbeat Parents Punishment Act of 1997; and the Care for Police Survivors Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills; H.R. 2538, to establish a Presidential commission to determining the validity of certain land claims arising out of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo of 1848 involving the descendants of persons who were Mexican citizens at the time of the Treaty; H.R. 2776, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Morristown National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes" to authorize the acquisition of property know as the Warren property; and H.R. 3047, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, by 16 acres, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up H.R. 3267, Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3007, Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act; and H.R. 2544, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on urban education, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Rail Safety Reauthorization: Federal Railroad Administration Resources Requirements, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up H.R. 3035, National Drought Policy Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Federal Cost of Disaster Assistance, 10 a.m., 2167, Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on Government Performances and Results Act (GPRA) principles at the Veterans Benefits Administration, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Analysis and Production Issues, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families to examine the effectiveness of the Head Start education program, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1768, emergency supplemental appropriations.

Senate may also resume consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 26

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act (structured rule, 1 hour of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998 (Open Rule, One Hour General Debate)

Consideration of H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act (open rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

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